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Maryland farmers will have the opportunity to “let their voice be heard” by participating in the 2001 agricultural economic survey. This survey, titled the 2001 Agricultural Resource Management Study, provides vital statistics about the economic condition of production agriculture. As Maryland’s number one industry, agriculture contributes almost \$18 billion to the state’s economy and over 410,000 workers. This survey will help provide a current picture of agricultural production and give farmers a strong voice for their financial future. Producers chosen to participate in the survey will be visited by an interviewer to complete the report at the farm operator’s convenience. Results will be published in a series of reports on the current farm financial situation. A free copy of these reports can be obtained on the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service website at [www.usda.gov/nass/md](http://www.usda.gov/nass/md) or by calling 1-800-675-0295.



## SURVEY BENEFITS

- Farmers and their organizations need reliable data showing the current economic conditions on farms to have a strong voice for financial future.
- Survey results help determine disaster relief and direct payment funding.
- Without these facts, credit providers have very limited information and take conservative financial positions.
- Survey results provide a financial benchmark for the Farm Services Agency and other organizations. Federal programs, legislation, and impact studies would struggle under great uncertainty without these facts.

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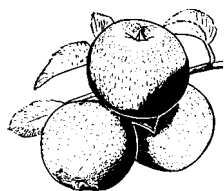
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## FRUIT PRODUCTION

**Maryland** fruit growers produced 41 million pounds of apples in 2001, 21 percent more than the 34 million pounds produced in 2000. Utilized production totaled



40.7 million pounds, 23 percent above 2000's 33.0 million pounds. The season average price for utilized production was 15.1 cents per pound, up from 13.7 cents per pound in 2000. The value of Maryland's utilized production for 2001 was \$6.2 million compared with \$4.5 million in 2000. Maryland peach growers produced 8.8 million pounds of peaches in 2001, down 2 percent from 2000. The season average price for the 2001 peach crop was 36.6 cents per pound compared with 39.8 cents for the 2000 crop. The value of the utilized production

totaled \$3.2 million, down 10 percent from the \$3.6 million for 2000. **United States** Utilized apple production for 2001 was estimated at 9.21 billion pounds, down 11 percent from the 2000 level. Production in the Central States increased as a result of favorable spring growing conditions but was more than offset by production decreases in the Western and Eastern States. Utilized peach production in 2001 was estimated at 2.34 billion pounds, down 7 percent from last year and 4 percent below 1999. The California crop, accounting for 72 percent of the U.S. peach production, was down 7 percent from 2000. For California, Clingstone peaches were down 11 percent and Freestone peaches were down 2 percent from 2000.

### MARYLAND AND UNITED STATES FRUIT PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	Total Production		Utilized Production		Season Average Price		Value of Utilized Production	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Million /LBS				Cents/LBS		Thousand \$	
APPLES								
Maryland	33.7	40.8	33.0	40.7	13.7	15.1	4,509	6,162
United States	10,663.7	9,435.2	10,402.2	9,212.5	12.7	16.4	1,325,641	1,514,301
PEACHES								
Maryland	9.0	8.8	9.0	8.8	39.8	36.6	3,582	3,221
United States	2,599.9	2,437.4	2,508.8	2,339.0	19.5	21.2	489,116	495,944

## MILK PRODUCTION

Maryland dairy operators produced 320 million pounds of milk during the October-December quarter, down 1 percent from the same quarter a year earlier. There were to 81,000 head, 1,000 fewer than a year earlier. Yield per cow at 4,481 pounds increased 65 pounds, from a year earlier. The quarterly production of milk for the

U.S. was 40.8 billion pounds, 0.2 percent above the October-December period last year. The average number of milk in the U.S. during the October-December quarter was 9.10 million head, 113,000 head less than the same period last year.

### Milk Cows and Milk Production October - December Quarter 2000 and 2001

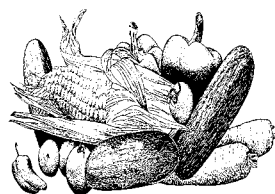
STATE	MILK COWS <sup>1</sup>		MILK PER COW <sup>2</sup>		MILK PRODUCTION <sup>2</sup>		
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2001/2000
	Thousand		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
<b>Maryland</b>	82	81	3,951	3,951	324	320	99
<b>United States</b>	9,211	9,098	4,416	4,481	40,678	40,764	100

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES

Fresh Market Vegetable production increased 31percent in 2001. Production of major vegetable

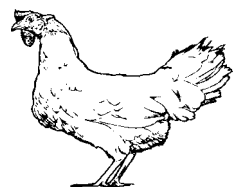


commodities totaled 3.0 million hundredweight (cwt.), up from 2.3 million cwt. in 2000. Lima Beans, Cabbage, Cucumber, Greens, Spinach, and Squash productions were

down, while production of all other crops remained unchanged or increased. Yields of Snap Beans, Cantaloups, Sweet Corn, Green Peas, Pumpkins, Spinach, Strawberries, Tomatoes, Turnips and Watermelons all increased from the previous year. Harvested acreage also increased 2 percent from 2000, totaling 29,920 acres.

Vegetables for Fresh Market: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, Maryland, 1999-2001							
Crop	Year	Planted	Harvested	Production		Season Avg. Price	Value of Production
				Per Acre	Total		
				<i>Cwt.</i>	<i>(000) Cwt.</i>	<i>\$ Per Cwt.</i>	<i>(000) Dollars</i>
<b>Beans, Lima</b>	1999	350	320	23	7	80.00	589
	2000	330	320	22	7	75.00	528
	2001	320	310	20	6	78.00	501
<b>Beans, Snap</b>	1999	2,300	2,200	39	86	49.00	4,214
	2000	2,000	2,000	25	50	41.00	2,050
	2001	2,300	2,200	36	79	30.00	2,376
<b>Broccoli</b>	1999	320	310	70	22	82.00	1,779
	2000	300	290	60	17	78.00	1,357
	2001	310	300	60	18	73.00	1,314
<b>Cabbage</b>	1999	620	600	155	93	18.00	1,674
	2000	650	630	125	79	14.00	1,106
	2001	670	650	120	78	17.00	1,326
<b>Cantaloups</b>	1999	1,700	1,600	80	128	26.00	3,328
	2000	1,500	1,400	94	132	21.00	2,772
	2001	1,700	1,600	110	176	20.00	3,520
<b>Cauliflower</b>	1999	100	100	51	5	50.00	255
	2000	100	100	50	5	52.00	260
	2001	100	100	50	5	50.00	250
<b>Sweet Corn</b>	1999	11,500	11,200	66	739	20.00	14,784
	2000	11,200	10,900	51	556	19.00	10,564
	2001	11,200	10,900	84	916	18.00	16,481
<b>Cucumbers</b>	1999	1,300	1,200	65	78	30.00	2,340
	2000	1,300	1,200	75	90	24.00	2,160
	2001	1,400	1,300	65	85	23.00	1,944
<b>Greens,Other</b>	1999	1,800	1,700	49	83	51.00	4,248
	2000	1,900	1,800	67	121	44.00	5,306
	2001	1,900	1,800	55	99	40.00	3,960
<b>Turnips</b>	1999	200	190	38	7	33.00	238
	2000	200	190	36	7	32.00	219
	2001	200	190	37	7	30.00	211
<b>Watermelons</b>	1999	2,800	2,700	220	594	11.00	6,534
	2000	3,000	2,900	195	566	9.00	5,094
	2001	3,200	3,100	280	868	8.00	6,944

## CHICKENS AND EGGS



Maryland laying flocks produced 84 million eggs during December 2001, of which 79 million were table eggs and 5 million were hatching eggs. The average rate of lay was 79.3%. The average number of layers on hand during December 2001 was 3,418,000. On January 1, 2002, 7.0% of the layers in Maryland were being molted but 25.5% of all layers had been through a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.40 billion during December 2001, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.33 billion table eggs and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 62.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2001 averaged 339 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during December 2000. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,187 eggs, slightly below the 2,193 eggs in December 2000.

Eggs and Layers: December 2000-2001			
Item	2000	2001	2001/2000
<b>Eggs Produced During December</b>	-----Million-----		<b>Percent</b>
Maryland	70	84	120
U.S.	7,287	7,404	102
<b>Layers, Average Number During December</b>	-----Thousand-----		
Maryland	3,293	3,418	104
U.S.	332,259	338,513	102
<b>Eggs / 100 Layers During December</b>	-----Number-----		
Maryland	2,126	2,458	116
U.S.	2,193	2,187	100

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